

Hello, students in upper secondary education!

Welcome to & Espoo Theatre, the International Theatre of Finland!

You will shortly watch a video titled "Theatre as an Art Form" (Teatteri taidemuotona).

We have come up with two assignments for you based on the video.

Do the first assignment (the pre-assignment) before you watch the video.

Do the second assignment (the follow-up assignment) after you watch the video.

Assignment 1 / Pre-assignment

1. Theatre is called a performing art.

A performing art is a type of art performed in front of an audience.

Performing arts include theatre, dance and the circus.

Think about what theatre is and write your answers to the following questions:

- What do you think theatre is?
- What happens in theatre?
- Have you ever gone to a theatre performance?

2. Visit the & Espoo Theatre website to see its programme - in other words, a list of the theatre's performances.

Choose a performance you would like to see.

Read the information about the performance, such as the people making it and what it is about.

Why would you like to see that performance?

Write at least three reasons.

Assignment 2 / Follow-up assignment

Do this assignment after you watch the performance.

1. It is said that theatre and art are like a mirror, which shows us what is going on in society.

What thing that is going on in society do you think should be made into a theatre performance, such as a play or musical?

How should this be performed in the theatre?

- Check to see if this thing has already been used as a subject for a performance.

If it has, what kinds of performances were they?

Think about why it is important for theatre to deal with current subjects.

2. a) One type of performance in theatre is a monologue.

A monologue is where a single person tells the story.

Think of a subject that interests you.

Write a short text about that subject for one person, i.e. write a monologue.

Then, film a roughly one-minute-long video, in which you present the monologue.

- b) Try to learn the monologue by heart.

If you find it hard to speak, you can present it without speaking, or you can dance.

This type of performing art is called pantomime, or miming.

The most important thing here is that the audience can understand what you are trying to say in your monologue.

- c) You can also do the assignment together with a partner.

Write a dialogue.

In a dialogue, two people are talking with each other.

A dialogue can be something other than speech.

You can also make short performances with your teacher to be performed for the class.

3. Imagine that you are directing a play.

Think about:

- What the set will look like.
- What kind of lighting you want to use.
- What kind of sound effects you want to use.
- Who will be acting in your play.